

REMARKS

In the Official Action, the Examiner took the position that claim 15 did not further define a previous claims since it was almost identical to prior claim 8.

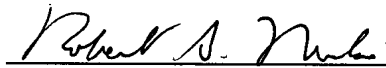
In the sole interest of expediting the prosecution of the present application, applicants have hereby canceled claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer. The reasons why the remaining claims are patentable are set forth in detail in the remarks of the response filed on February 20, 2007, and such remarks are hereby incorporated by reference to the extent applicable to the claims now of record.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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